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1. ATTORNEY GENERAL DROPPED BY EVENING OF JAN. 17 TO BRING ME UP TO DATE ON CONVERSATION HE HAD HAD EARLIER IN DAY WITH SECURITY CHIEF MAKUNGU. MAKUCOU REPORTEDLY SAID HE HAD JUST LEARNED THAT ONE OF HIS DEPUTIES, WITHOUT HIS AUTHORIZATION, HAD PICKED UP BHALLOO AND HIS YOUNGER BROTHER (LOCAL MERCHANT HERE). ACTION TAKEN AT BEHEST OF REVCO MEMBER LT. COL. KHAMIS HEMED WHO IS INCHARGE OF SPECIAL ASP COMMITTEE TO THWART CLOVE SMUGGLING.

2. BEGIN NO FORN. GIST OF STORY AS MAKUNGU HAD IT IS THAT TEMPORARY CONSULATE EMPLOYEE MAKAME MACHANO WHO DETAINED LAST MONTH (REF A) NOT ONLY IMPLICATED IN CLOVE SMUGGLING BUT UNDER QUESTIONING ALLEGEDLY CHARGED THAT US CONSULATE HAD PAID HIM 700 SHILLINGS IN CONNECTION WITH SAME. (CONSULATE EARLIER LEARNED THAT MACHANO HAD BEEN CAUGHT RED-HANDED IN SMALL-SCALE SMUGGLING OPERATION INVOLVING CLOVES, THAT HE HAD HAD HISTORY OF SIMILAR ACTIVITIES BEFORE, AND THAT IN RECENT INSTANCE, ACCORDING TO PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MATTER OF HIS ARREST HAD "ABSOLUTELY

NOTHING TO DO WITH US CONSULATE." DOURADO SAID THAT NEITHER HE NOR MAKUNGU GAVE ANY CREDENCE TO MACHANO'S ATTEMPT TO IMPLICATE CONSULATE. NOTWITHSTANDING, I TOLD DOURADO THAT I CONSIDERED IT ESSENTIAL THAT ANY DOUBTS ON THIS MATTER BE DISPELLED, AND THAT MEETING WITH MOYO OR JUMBE WOULD PROBABLY BE BEST WAY OF ACCOMPLISHING THIS. DOURADO PERSONALLY VERY CONCERNED ABOUT CASE NOT ONLY BECAUSE HE BASICALLY FRIENDLY TO CONSULATE BUT ALSO BECAUSE HE SEES INCIDENT OF THIS KIND AS DAMAGING TO HIS EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN FRAGILE SYSTEM OF LEGAL SAFEGUARDS AND PROCEDURES. END NO FORN.

3. DOURADO MET THIS MORNING WITH FIRST VP JUMBE WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM DAR ES SALAAM. JUMBE CONFIRMED THAT HE PERSONALLY HAD AUTHORIZED DETENTION OF BHALLOO AND BROTHER. JUMBE INDICATED THAT ACTION WAS RELATED TO ALLEGATIONS OF CLOVE SMUGGLING BUT DOURADO GATHERED FROM JUMBE'S REMARKS THAT IT DIRECTED AGAINST BHALLOOS AS INDIVIDUALS AND NOT AGAINST CONSULATE. AT TIME OF MEETING, ATTORNEY GENERAL GAVE JUMBE MEMORANDUM PROPOSING EITHER RELEASE OF BHALLOO OR SUBMISSION OF EVIDENCE TO HIS OFFICE SO THAT LEGAL ACTION COULD BE INITIATED AS IS CUSTOMARY IN SUCH CASES. MEMO ALSO RAISED

ISSUE OF REPORTED INDONESIAN SMUGGLING CASE AND, DRAWING ON SUBSTANCE OF JAKARTA'S 0476, INDICATED THAT ILLEGAL TRANSACTION TOOK PLACE BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND INDONESIA AND HIGHLY UNLIKELY INVOLVE ANY US CONSULATE OR MISSION PERSONNEL HERE. JUMBE HAS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MEMO IN HAND AND SAID HE WOULD GIVE IT DUE CONSIDERATION.

4. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, AM MORE CONVINCED THAN EVER THAT I SHOULD MAKE EFFORT TO MEET WITH JUMBE, SEEK MORE INFORMATION ON BHALLOO SITUATION, ASCERTAIN WHETHER IN FACT HE HARBORS ANY SUSPICION THAT CONSULATE MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ACTIONS DETRIMENTAL TO ZANZIBAR ECONOMY, AND IF SO ATTEMPT ALLAY SAME. PROBLEM COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT JUMBE LEAVING MONDAY, PROBABLY IN AM, FOR 10-12 DAY VISIT TO MAINLAND.
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